"...[I]t is really a question of life or death to the domineering and exploiting classes whether the people at large are dumfounded religiously or not. With religious lunacy stands and falls their power. The more man clings to religion, the more he believes - the more he believes, the less he knows. The less he knows, the more stupid he is - the more stupid, the easier he may be governed. The easier to govern, the better he may be exploited; the more exploited, the poorer he gets; and the poorer he gets, the

richer and mightier the domineering classes get, the more riches and power they amass, the heavier their yoke upon the neck of the people." Johann Most The God Pestil ence